

Cumulative Impact Working Group Overview of Purpose and Process

Background

A Cumulative Impacts Working Group has been formed to assist in the evaluation of the feasibility of regulatory and other approaches to address cumulative impacts beyond current AQMD programs. This action is to fulfill a Governing Board directive that evolved from discussion of the Environmental Justice Enhancements adopted by the Board in September 2002. The Working Group will help develop a white paper and recommendations on future rule development and policy changes for the April 2003 Governing Board meeting.

Draft Ground Rules for Discussions at Working Group Meetings

AQMD staff has drafted the following suggested guidelines to facilitate productive and constructive dialogue among stakeholders. It is our expectation that all parties will:

- Actively engage in this process with the intent to create solutions that recognize interests of all stakeholders;
- Focus on interests, not positions;
- Act in good faith to seek consensus where possible;
- Facilitate moving issues forward;
- Listen carefully to ideas and consider them fully;
- Clarify concerns and interests;
- Not interrupt others or hold side conversations; and
- Conduct themselves professionally, displaying courtesy and respect to others.

Meetings

Meetings are open to the public, and subject to the Brown Act. Public comments are encouraged during the public comment period at the end of the meeting. Agendas are to be posted 72 hours in advance of the meetings. Any offsite meeting locations must also be listed on the agenda and posted at the site.